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There is not so much emphasis given to the pure science by which human qualities are to be evolved as an assurance that they can be evolved.

HERBERT W. HESS.

*University of Pennsylvania.*

PUTNAM, RUTH. *Alsace and Lorraine*. Pp. viii, 208. Price, \$1.25. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1915.

This is a timely presentation of the checkered history of Alsace and Lorraine, or more properly speaking of that territory which is comprised in modern Alsace and Lorraine, from 58 B. C. to 1871 A. D. The book is furnished with valuable maps and contains two appendices, one containing a list of the principal treaties which have affected the political status of Alsace and Lorraine in their entirety or in parts, and the other a list of the sources used in compiling the volume.

P. L. W.

STEINER, BERNARD C. *The Life of Reverdy Johnson*. Pp. v, 284. Price, \$2.50. Baltimore: The Norman, Remington Company, 1914.

Dr. Steiner has rendered a real service in giving to the public this account of the career of a distinguished American lawyer, senator and attorney-general of the United States in Taylor's cabinet. Reverdy Johnson is a name well remembered in Maryland where his eminence as a lawyer and a leader of the Bar was recognized; but his services as a border state unionist, though a Southern sympathizer, and his good influence during the reconstruction period, and as minister to Great Britain are less generally known.

Dr. Steiner has had access to good sources of information and has well performed a by no means easy biographical task.

J. C. B.

STEINER, EDWARD A. *Introducing the American Spirit*. Pp. 274. Price, \$1.00. New York: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1915.

This is an ingenious attempt to interpret America on the basis of the author's optimism and idealism. It assumes the story form in which the author describes his effort to introduce the American Spirit to a noted German and his wife whom he calls the Herr Director and the Frau Directorin. He meets them upon their arrival in New York, shows them the city, conducts them to the Lake Mohonk Peace Conference, introduces them to the big Eastern universities, pilots them in a tour of the country including Chicago, Salt Lake City, California and back to Grinnell College, Iowa, the writer's home. The author will convince many readers as he convinced the Herr Director that what he saw was in his glasses and not in the objects themselves, but we do like his glasses, and wish there were more of them. The book is cheerful and delightful reading.

J. P. L.